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In re application of:

Yen Choo *et al.*

Application No.: 09/646,353

Filed: November 27, 2000

For: NUCLEIC ACID BINDING
PROTEINS

Examiner: Teresa D. Wessendorf

Art Unit: 1639

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.